IT'S NOT LIKE KUROU-KUN WANTED TO BECOME LIKE THAT.
LIKE I SAID, IT'S NOT KUROU-KUN'S FAULT!
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WELL, LET'S SET THAT ASIDE AND MOVE ON TO THE MAIN TOPIC.
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WE BROKE UP WITHOUT RESOLVING ANYTHING,
SO MEETING AGAIN WOULD SURELY BE DISTRESS -ING
WE'RE SURPRISINGLY CALM RIGHT NOW. IT'S PROBABLY DUE TO THIS GIRL.
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KUROU-KUN,
WERE YOU FIGHTING KOUJIN NANASE BECAUSE IWANAGA-SAN TOLD YOU TO?
HM, YES
I STILL CAN'T STAND HER.
せめてこんな
真逆だければ…
SAKI: AT LEAST, IF SHE WEREN'T THE COMPLETE OPPOSITE OF ME...
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THAT'S
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MEETING KOUJIN NANASE WAS A COINCI-DENCE.
...I CAME HERE BECAUSE IWANAGA CALLED ME.

TLN: NEKOMATA = SPLIT-TAILED CAT

AFTER BEING DRAGGED AROUND BY IWANAGA TO HELP HER WITH VARIOUS YOKAI-RELATED PROBLEMS,
WHEREAS BEFORE, THESE THINGS WOULD AVOID ME AFTER SENSING MY PRESENCE,

"THE ONE-EYED, ONE-LEGGED PRINCESS HAS HIM ON A LEASH, HE WON'T DARE CAUSE TROUBLE,
WE CAN GO TO HIM FOR HELP, JUST LIKE THE PRINCESS."

...AFTER SUCH RUMORS SPREAD, THEY BEGAN SEEKING ME OUT FOR AID.
SO, WITHOUT BOTHERING TO FIND IWANAGA, I WENT ALONE TO WHERE KOUJIN NANASE HAD APPEARED.
AS FOR ME, I HAD INSTRUCTED THE YOKAI TO REPORT TO ME WHEN KOUJIN NANASE APPEARED,
SO I HURRIED OVER AS SOON AS A GHOST INFORMED ME OF HER WHERE-ABOUTS.
I HAD NO IDEA KUROU-SENPAI HAD ALREADY ARRIVED.

THAT ASIDE,
I'M ACTUALLY TROUBLED BY THEM COMING TO ME, YOU KNOW.
I SEE.
ISN'T THAT NICE? WITH SUCH RUMORS, MAYBE NEXT TIME THE KAPPA WON'T RUN AWAY.
BUT SHE DIDN'T REACT AT ALL. THAT'S RATHER DISTURBING.
AMONG YOKAI AND SPIRITS, I SHOULD BE A RATHER TERRIFYING EXISTENCE STILL
EVEN AFTER SEEING ME, KOUJIN NANASE WASN'T THE LEAST BIT SCARED.
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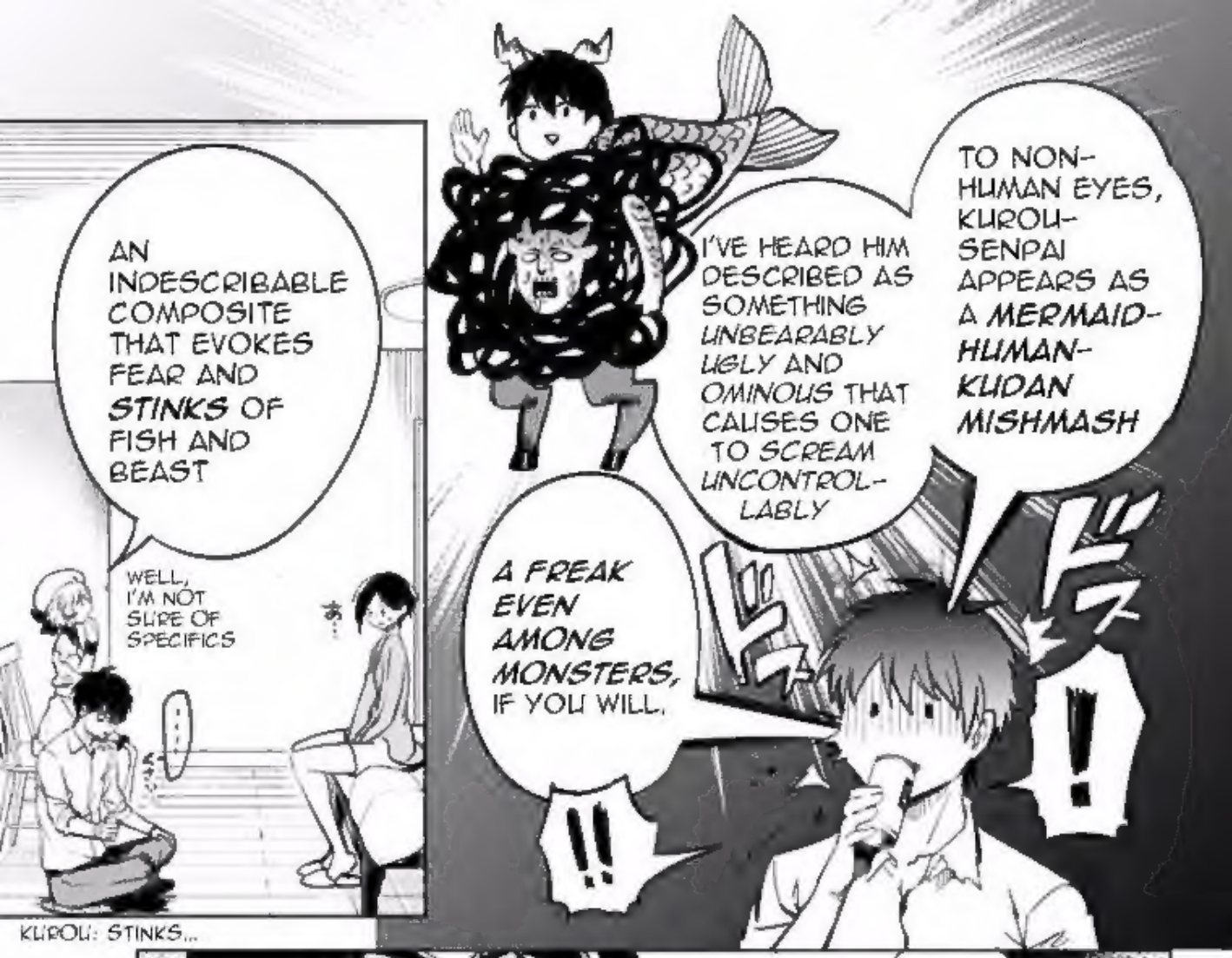
TO NON-HUMAN EYES, KUROU-SENPAI APPEARS AS A MERMAID-HUMAN-KUDAN MISHMASH
I'VE HEARD HIM DESCRIBED AS SOMETHING UNBEARABLY UGLY AND OMINOUS THAT CAUSES ONE TO SCREAM UNCONTROL-LABLY
A FREAK EVEN AMONG MONSTERS, IF YOU WILL.
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AN INDESCRIBABLE COMPOSITE THAT EVOKES FEAR AND STINKS OF FISH AND BEAST
WELL, I'M NOT SURE OF SPECIFICS
KUROU: STINKS...

THEN, IWANAGA-SAN,
FOR KOUJIN NANASE TO NOT REACT TO SUCH A KUROU-KUN,

WHAT EXACTLY IS A [MONSTER OF THOUGHT]?

I DIDN'T WANT TO TELL HER THIS MUCH, BUT I SUPPOSE IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
HM. THEN WE SHALL START WITH WHAT KOUJIN NANASE IS

SENPAI AND SAKI-SAN DON'T SEEM TO HAVE LINGERING FEELINGS,
SAKI-SAN SEEMS RATHER DETERMINED TO REMAIN INVOLVED, AND SHE JUST HAD TO RUN INTO KUROU-SENPAI AGAIN.
BUT I CAN'T LET MY GUARD DOWN!

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IF IT COMES TO THIS, I MUST EXPLAIN EVERYTHING SO THAT SHE UNDERSTANDS THE DISTANCE BEWTEEN OUR WORLDS
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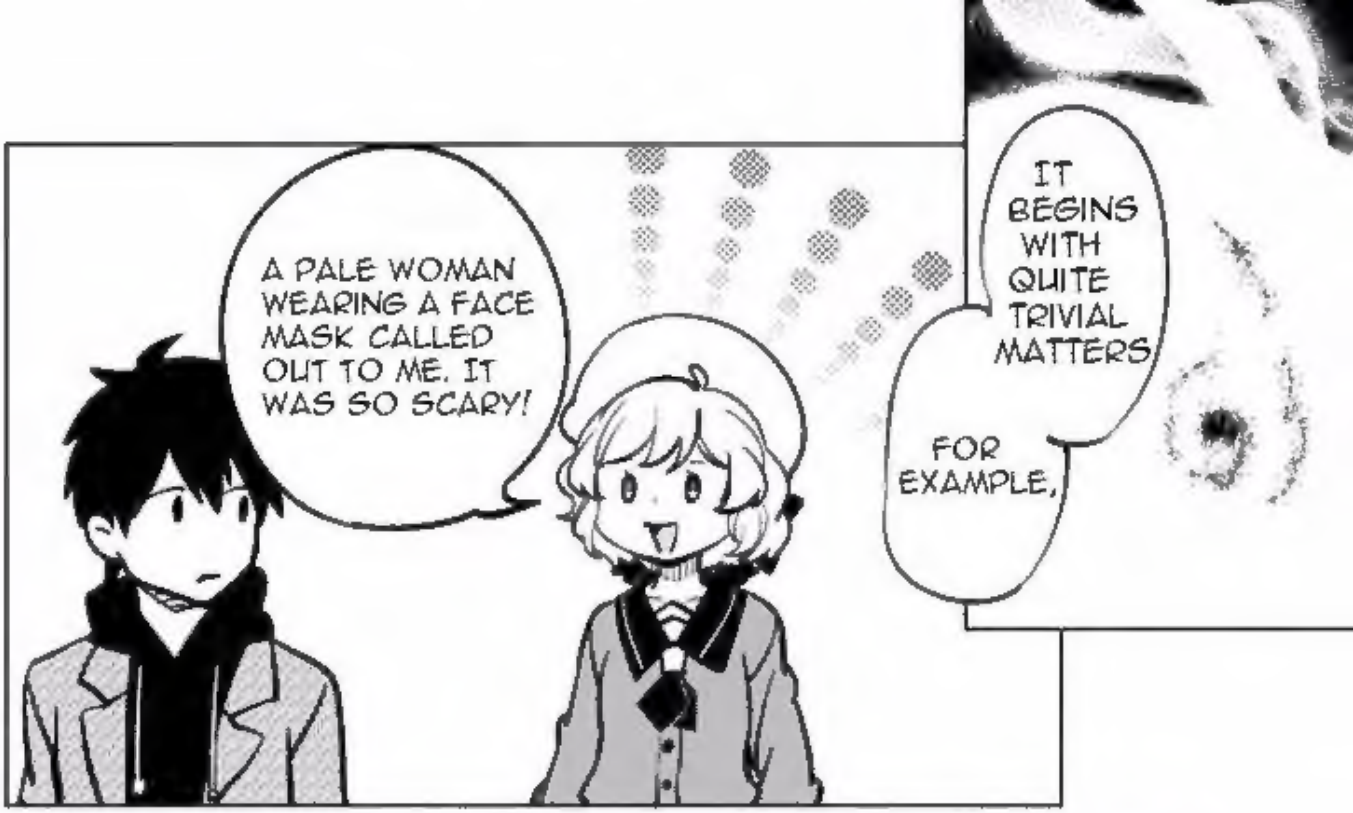
THIS IS THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION
I SHALL SHOW YOU THE GAP BEWTEEN US IS UNBRIDGE -ABLE.

OF THE NUMEROUS YOKAI, SPIRITS, MONSTERS, AND URBAN LEGENDS THAT WE KNOW OF,
MANY OF THESE ARE ACTUALLY MONSTERS OF THOUGHT.


IT BEGINS WITH QUITE TRIVIAL MATTERS
FOR EXAMPLE,
A PALE WOMAN WEARING A FACE MASK CALLED OUT TO ME. IT WAS SO SCARY!

AND FINDING IT NOT EXCITING ENOUGH,
SO?
YEAH-
AFTER SAYING THIS,

WAH! THAT IS SCARY!
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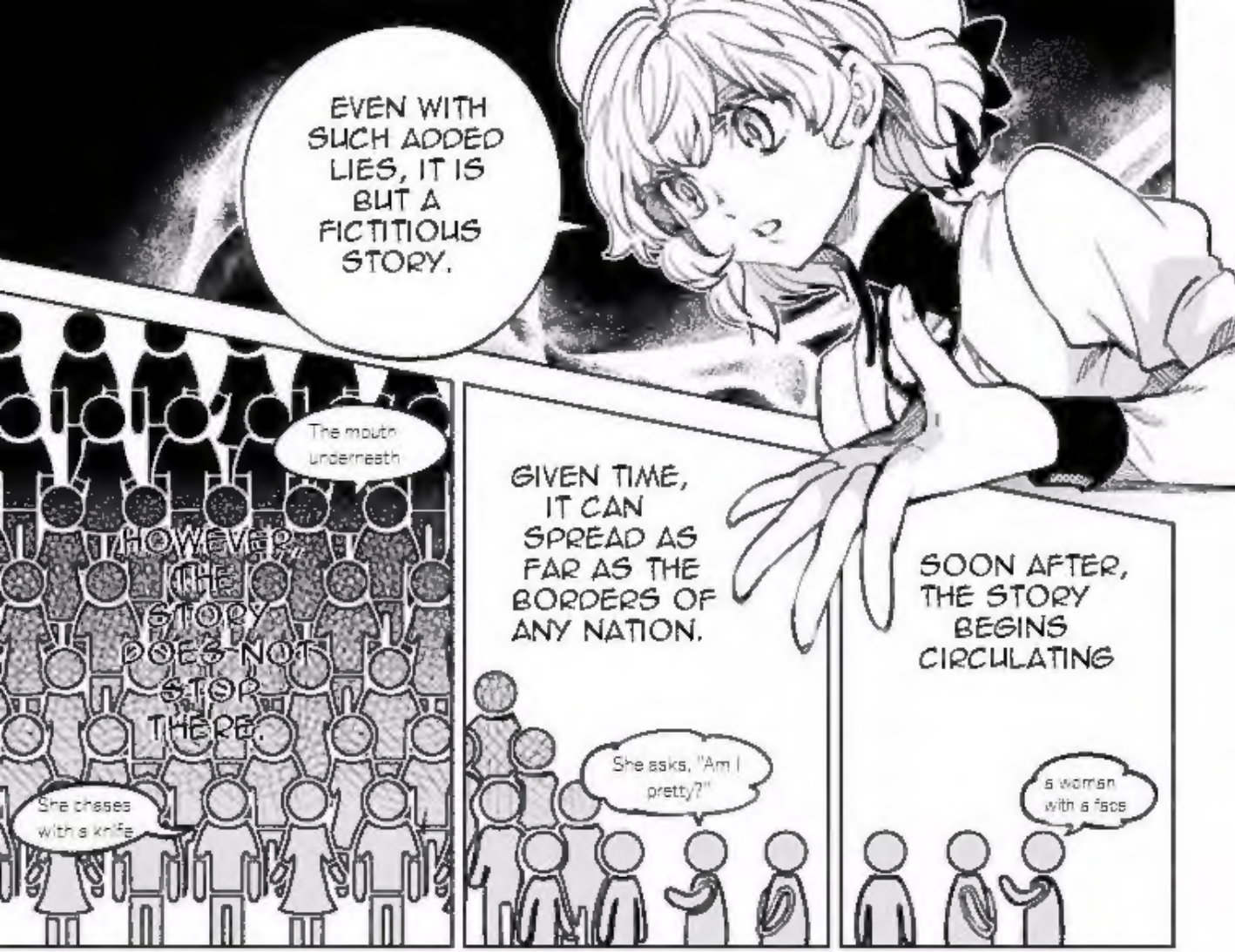
IT WAS SO SCARY! I RAN AWAY, BUT SHE STARTED CHASING ME WITH A MURDEROUS LOOK IN HER EYES~!
I NOTICED THAT UNDER THE MASK, HER MOUTH WAS SPLIT APART!

AND THEN ...



マスクをした若い女性が「わたし、きれい？」と訪ねてくる
「きれい」と答えるとマスクを外し「これでも？」と訪ねてく
そのマスクの下の口は大きく耳まで裂けていた。
きれいじゃないと答えると女は鎌を持って襲ってくる

WE'VE GRANDLY ASCENDED, HAVE WE NOT, KUROU-SENPAI!
AND ALSO SAKI-SAN
私たち、別に
もちゃってますね、九朗先輩
コミックス1巻&2巻
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KUCHISAKE-ONNA = SLIT-MOUTHED WOMAN

A NAME GIVES A STORY RECOGNIZ -ABLE FEATURES.
THIS NAME ALONE UNITES THE NEBULOUS RUMORS AND EVOKES AN IMAGE
KUCHISAKE-ONNA

I KNOW THAT ONE "KUCHISAKE-ONNA," RIGHT?
I HEARD A SCARY STORY ABOUT A SLIT-MOUTHED WOMAN WHO CHASES PEOPLE WITH A KNIFE!
THOUGH IT WAS INITIALLY A FABRI-CATED STORY
AFTER ATTAINING A NAME AND A FORM, THESE IMAGINARY FIGURES
THE NAME DETERMINES THE STORY'S FORM IN PEOPLE'S HEARTS
AND THUS
人面犬
首なしライダー
赤マント
テケテケ
メリーさん
くねくね
ARE PLANTED IN THE MINDS OF THOUSANDS, TEN THOUSANDS, EVEN MILLIONS.
LITTLE BY LITTLE, THEY ATTAIN FLESH AND BLOOD - THE ABILITY TO MATERIALIZE.
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THAT SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF AN ABSTRACT NOVEL OR HORROR MOVIE
HOW CAN SUCH THINGS BE HAPPENING IN EVERYDAY LIFE?

HUMAN THOUGHT CREATES A MONSTER

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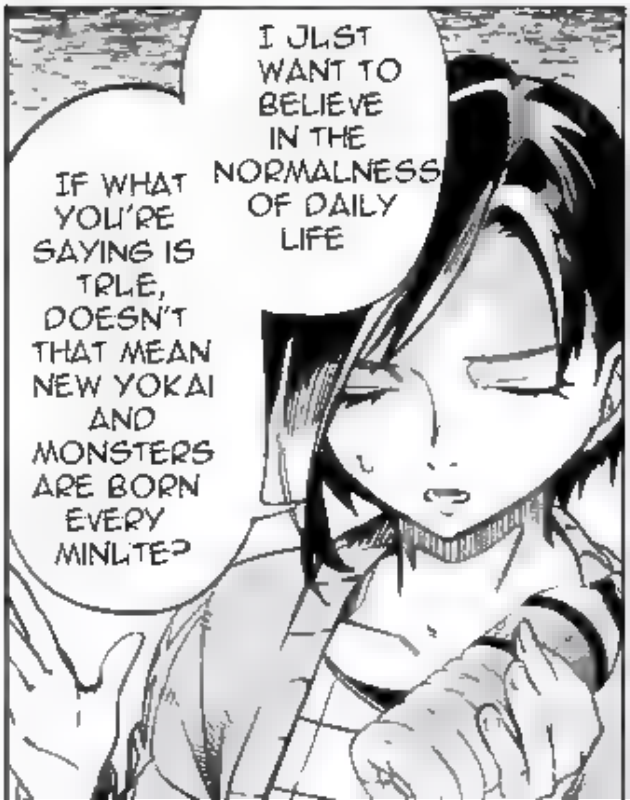
I JUST WANT TO BELIEVE IN THE NORMALNESS OF DAILY LIFE
IF WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS TRUE, DOESN'T THAT MEAN NEW YOKAI AND MONSTERS ARE BORN EVERY MINUTE?

HOW CAN ONE WHO HAS SEEN KAPPA AND GHOSTS DOUBT SUCH THINGS?

IN THE FIRST PLACE
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ARE YOU TELLING ME THAT CHARACTERS FROM POPULAR ANIME AND GAMES ALSO GAIN PHYSICAL FORM?
"IMAGINARY FIGURES WITH A NAME AND A FORM"
THERE ARE COUNTLESS THINGS THAT FIT THAT DESCRIPTION
THINKING THIS IS A FIGURE FROM THAT ANIME I'M WATCHING ANIME
アニメ中の ぬいぐるみ
アニメを 見ている
NO, THEY WILL NOT MATERIALIZE.
IF, FROM THE ONSET, THESE FIGURES ARE TREATED AS "MANMADE" AND "IMAGINARY,"
THEN THEY CANNOT GAIN LIFE FROM THE THOUGHTS THAT, "PERHAPS THIS IS REAL" THEY CANNOT OBTAIN FLESH

KUCHISAKE-ONNA APPEARED NEAR THE SCHOOL!
WHAT? THAT THING'S TOTALLY FAKE
RIGHT NOW JINMEN-KEN'S MORE POPULAR
LIKE CHANTING "POMADE" IS REALLY GONNA DO ANYTHING IT'S SUSPICIOUS
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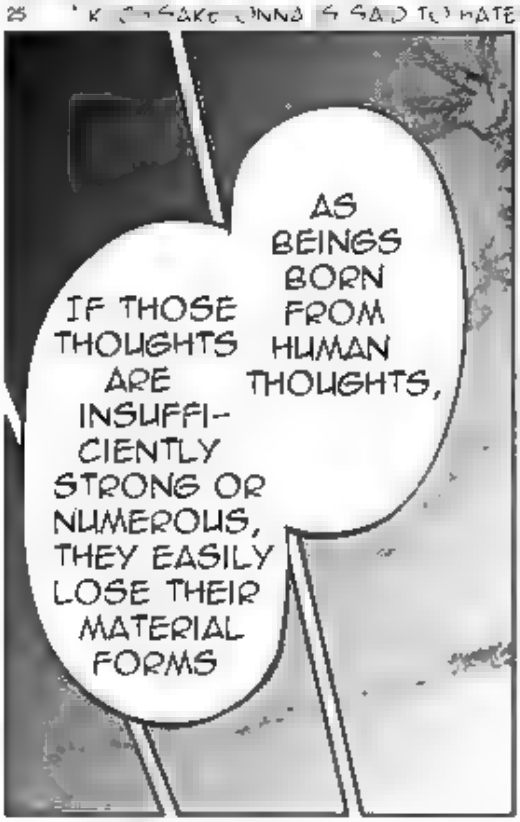
CONSE-QUENTLY, EVEN WITH A NAME AND A FORM,
IF MANY REMAIN SKEPTICAL ABOUT THEIR EXISTENCE, THEY CANNOT MATERIAL-IZE

25 "KUCHISAKE-ONNA IS SAID TO HATE POMADE, A HAIR GEL. SO CHANTING THIS GUARANTEES SAFETY


AS BEINGS BORN FROM HUMAN THOUGHTS,
IF THOSE THOUGHTS ARE INSUFFI-CIENTLY STRONG OR NUMEROUS, THEY EASILY LOSE THEIR MATERIAL FORMS

JINMENKEN = HUMAN-FACE DOGS. ANOTHER URBAN LEGEND

ONLY IN RARE INSTANCES DO THEY SURVIVE LONG ENOUGH TO BECOME NEW AYAKASHI AND YOKAI.
FOR A SINGLE RUMOR TO BE FIRMLY ROOTED IN THE MINDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE, THIS IS ALREADY A DIFFICULT TASK.
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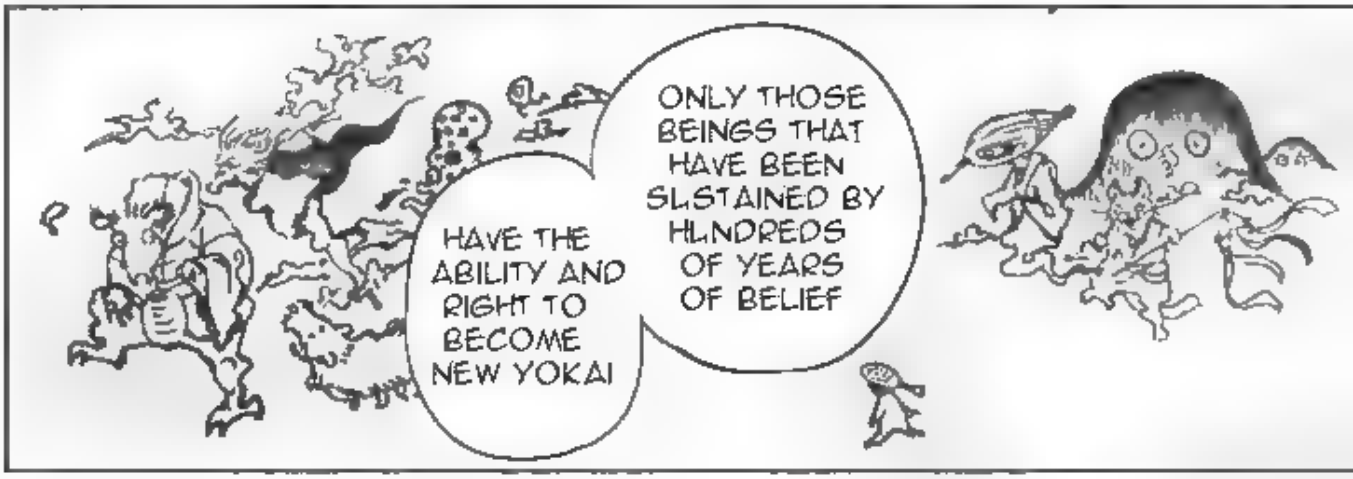
SAKI-SAN

CAN IT FINALLY ACHIEVE A SOLID FORM.
ONLY AFTER A STORY IS REPEATED AND DOUBTED OVER AND OVER
EVEN IF MANY PEOPLE DO THINK ABOUT IT, THEY MAY NOT TRULY BELIEVE IN THE STORY.

FURTHERMORE, EVEN WITH A PHYSICAL FORM, THESE BEINGS INITIALLY HAVE NEITHER AN INTELLIGENCE NOR A SENSE OF SELF.

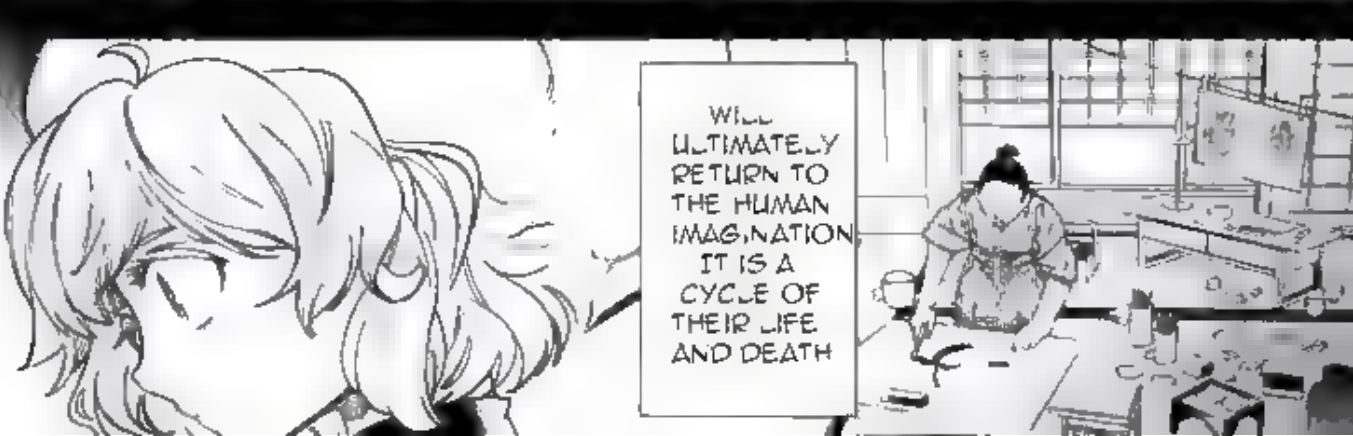

ONLY THOSE BEINGS THAT HAVE BEEN SUSTAINED BY HUNDREDS OF YEARS OF BELIEF
HAVE THE ABILITY AND RIGHT TO BECOME NEW YOKAI

THEY ARE BUT WEAK, UNSTABLE BEINGS THAT WILL FADE AWAY WHEN THE RUMORS FALL OUT OF FASHION

THUS, [MONSTERS OF THOUGHT] ARE NOT FUNDAMENTALLY DANGEROUS BEINGS.

KUCHISAKE-ONNA AND JINMENKEN, THOUGH THEIR TALES CAUSED QUITE A STIR IN THEIR TIME,
IN THE END, THESE BEINGS DISAPPEARED WITHOUT CAUSING MUCH ACTUAL HARM.
CERTAINLY IF I WERE TO PROPOSE A THEORY FROM THIS KNOW-LEDGE,
I BELIEVE THIS WORLD IS NOT AS STABLE AS IT FIRST APPEARS
THE FORCE, OR PERHAPS 'POWER', TO CREATE ANYTHING, EVEN THOUGH IT BEND THE LAWS OF REASON, EXISTS SOMEWHERE IN THIS WORLD

SURELY, THE BEINGS CALLED 'SUPER-NATURAL' AND 'OTHER-WORLDY' WERE BORN FROM THAT POWER.
AND THIS CORE IS GIVEN A 'NAME,' THAT POWER CAN CREATE A PRE-CONCEIVED 'FORM.'
WHEN THE TWISTED DELUSIONS OF MAN ARE COLLECTED IN A SINGLE SPACE,
THUS, ALL YOKAI AND LEGENDS, EVEN THOSE WITH ORIGINS IN THE ANCIENT PAST

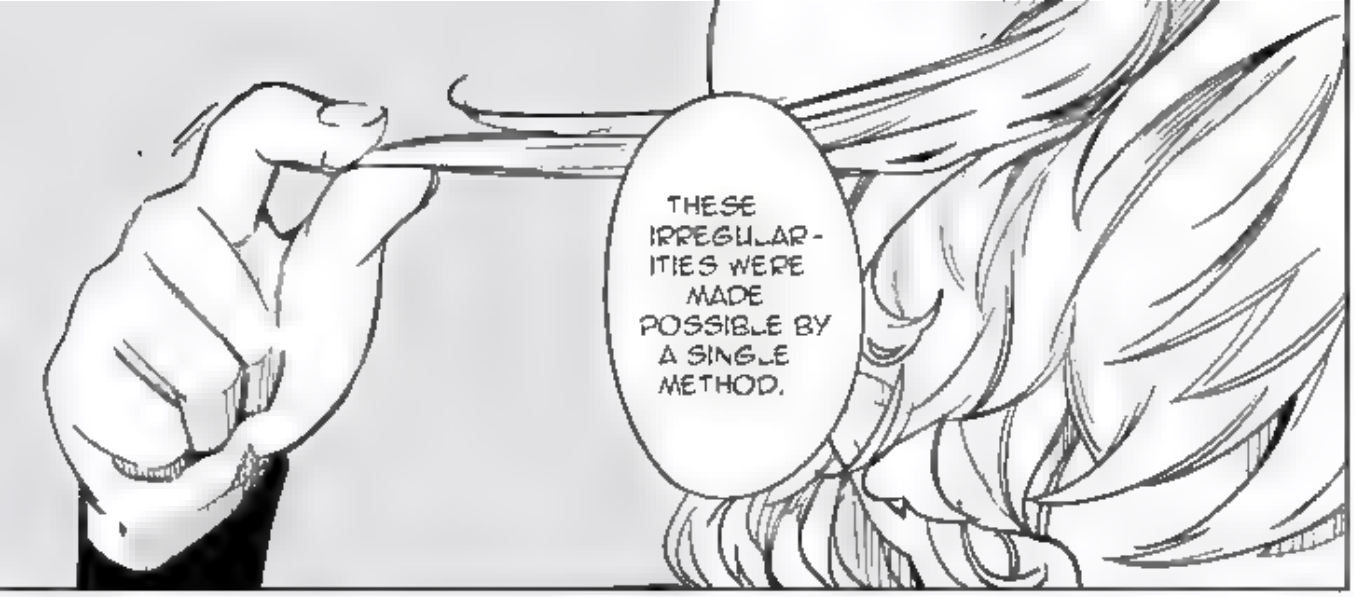

WILL ULTIMATELY RETURN TO THE HUMAN IMAGINATION IT IS A CYCLE OF THEIR LIFE AND DEATH

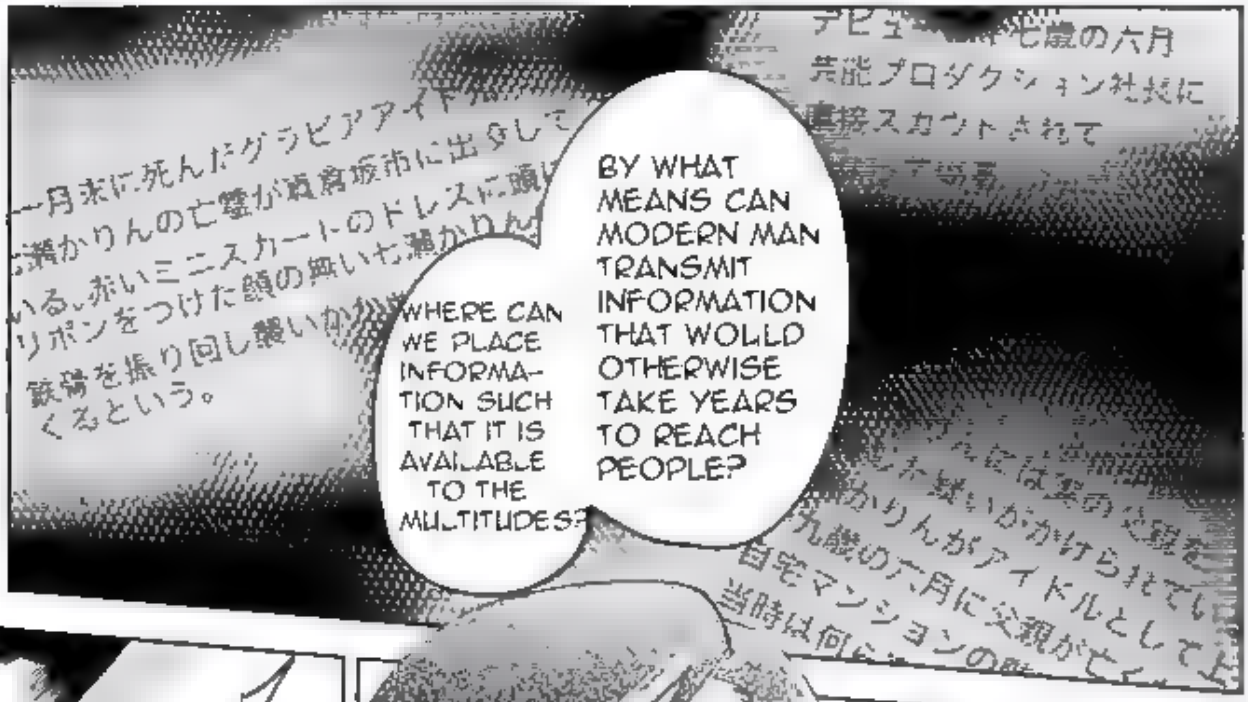
I ..KNOW THAT YOKAI EXIST IN THIS WORLD
BUT EVEN IF MONSTERS CREATED BY HUMAN THOUGHTS COULD EXIST,
ISN'T KOUJIN NANASE COMPLETE-LY DIFFERENT FROM A [MONSTER OF THOUGHT]?
THAT THING HAS A NAME AND A RECOGNI-ZABLE FORM.
I MEAN, IT'S WEARING HER IDOL DRESS, SWINGING AROUND A STEEL BEAM (AND HUGE BREASTS),
BUT IT HASN'T EVEN BEEN A YEAR SINCE NANASE KARIN'S DEATH HOW COULD SHE MATERIALIZE SO SOON?

AS A DISCLAIMER, I AM A COMPLETE NOVICE THAT REALLY WANTED CH 5 I SIMPLY FOUND THE CHINESE RAWS AND DID THINGS IN PAINT PLEASE ENJOY!
TWELVE
TWELVE
WHY DID THINGS TURN OUT THIS WAY...
I SAY,

WANAGA SAN
TWELVE
AREN'T WE A BIT CLOSE?
IT'S FINE THIS WAY.

EH ?
PRECISELY.
THERE'S NO WAY THE STORY ABOUT HER GHOST COULD HAVE BEEN SO FIRMLY PLANTED IN THE MINDS OF MILLIONS OF PEOPLE
BUT THAT THING HAS THE ABILITY TO MURDER PEOPLE
IT'S CLEARLY INCREDIBLY DANGEROUS
[MONSTERS OF THOUGHT] ARE ORIGINALLY UNIMPRESS-IVE
THEY ARE NORMALLY EASILY FORGOTTEN, AND REQUIRE YEARS TO MATERIAL-IZE
THEN, WHY DOES KOUJIN NANASE HAVE SUCH POWER?
HOW DID SHE MATERIALIZE SO STRONGLY LESS THAN A YEAR AFTER NANASE KARIN'S DEATH?


THESE IRREGULARITIES WERE MADE POSSIBLE BY A SINGLE METHOD.


BY WHAT MEANS CAN MODERN MAN TRANSMIT INFORMATION THAT WOULD OTHERWISE TAKE YEARS TO REACH PEOPLE?
WHERE CAN WE PLACE INFORMATION SUCH THAT IT IS AVAILABLE TO THE MULTITUDES?

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YOU MEAN THE NEWS? BUT THE MEDIA WAS ONLY RESPONSIBLE FOR PART OF THE STORY.
MOST OF THE POPULAR SPECULATIONS WERE BORN ON THE INTERNET--

YES,
IT IS PRECISELY THE INTERNET.
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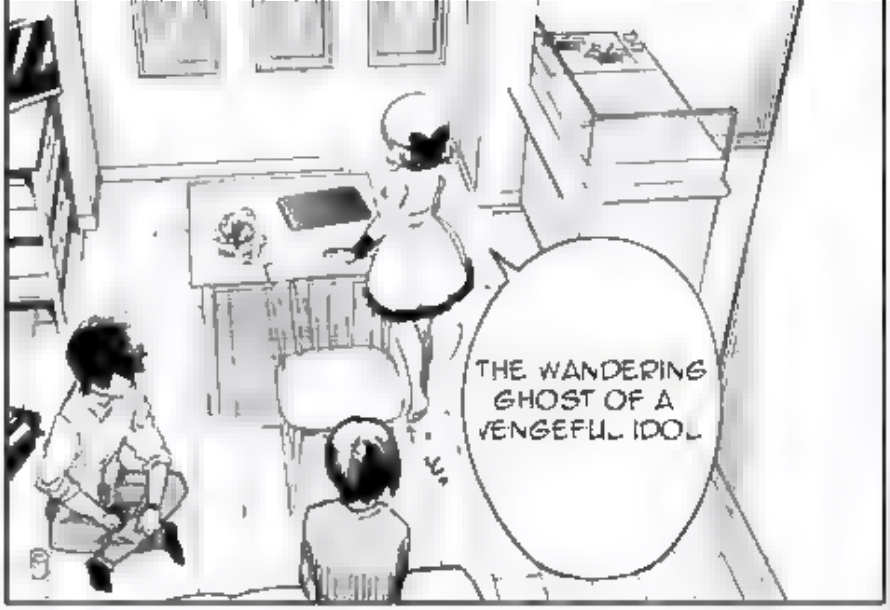
COLLECTING THE RUMORS?
A STORY ON THE INTERNET CAN REACH THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD
AND ALLOW NUMEROUS PEOPLE TO COME INTO CONTACT WITH THIS TALE WITHIN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME
IT BECOMES ALL THE MORE EFFECTIVE WHEN THE ENDLESS RUMORS ARE COLLECTED INTO A SINGLE SPOT.
AH,
YOU MEAN, LIKE THAT KOUJIN NANASE WEBPAGE?

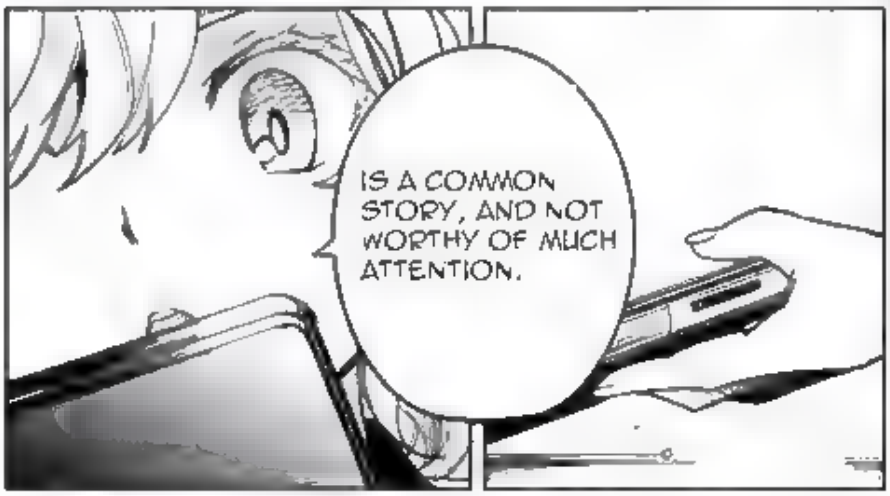
EVEN THOUGH IT'S JUST A PAGE OF RUMORS
BECAUSE OF THAT WEBSITE, KOUJIN NANASE'S NAME AND STORY WERE SPREAD WITH UNPRECEDENT -ED SPEED
IF YOU ALSO KNOW OF IT, THAT MAKES THIS EXPLANATION EASIER.
A STORY'S FORM CANNOT BE CLEARLY DISCERNED FROM RUMOR ALONE.
TO PUT IT SIMPLY, A STORY'S FORM IS A COMPOSITE PORTRAIT PAINTED BY THE BRUSHSTROKES OF THOUSANDS OF THOUGHTS
FURTHERMORE, THAT WEBPAGE PROVIDED KOUJIN NANASE WITH A FORM

EVEN IF THE STORY IS THE SAME, THEY WILL IMAGINE A FORM BASED ON THEIR OWN EXPERIENCES AND PREFERENCES.
ONLY AFTER THESE IMAGES HAVE REACHED A DEGREE OF UNIFORMITY ACROSS AN ENTIRE NATION CAN A SINGLE FORM EMERGE
EACH INDIVIDUAL SURELY SEES A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT IMAGE,

SAKI-SAN, DO YOU RECALL THE PICTURE THAT WAS PRESENT ON THE KOUJIN NANASE RUMORS WEBSITE?
THAT PORTRAIT AND THE KOUJIN NANASE THAT YOU WITNESSED TONIGHT,
DO YOU NOT THINK THEY ARE FAR TOO SIMILAR, DOWN TO THE FINEST OF DETAILS?

WITHOUT EVEN A PROPER WITNESS TESTIMONY, AND ONLY THE RUMORS ONLINE,
WOULD A COMPOSITE SKETCH REALLY HAVE BEEN SO ACCURATE?
, NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, THEY WERE EXACTLY THE SAME.
SO?
THAT IS NOT POSSIBLE.
THAT PORTRAIT WAS NOT DRAWN IN THE IMAGE OF KOUJIN NANASE RATHER,
THAT IMAGE WAS WHAT *TOOK ON FLESH*, AND ***BECAME KOUJIN NANASE.***


THE WANDERING GHOST OF A VENGEFUL IDOL


IS A COMMON STORY, AND NOT WORTHY OF MUCH ATTENTION.

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IN ORDER TO INFORM THE PEOPLE ON THIS MATTER
A CERTAIN WEBSITE COLLECTED THESE RUMORS

EH?

IT'S
THIS WEBSITE WAS NOT CREATED BECAUSE THE GHOST OF NANASE KARIN HAD APPEARED.
BUT THE TRUTH IS COMPLETELY BACKWARDS
ON THE CONTRARY IT WAS THE EXISTENCE OF THIS WEBSITE THAT ENABLED KOUJIN NANASE TO COME TO LIFE.
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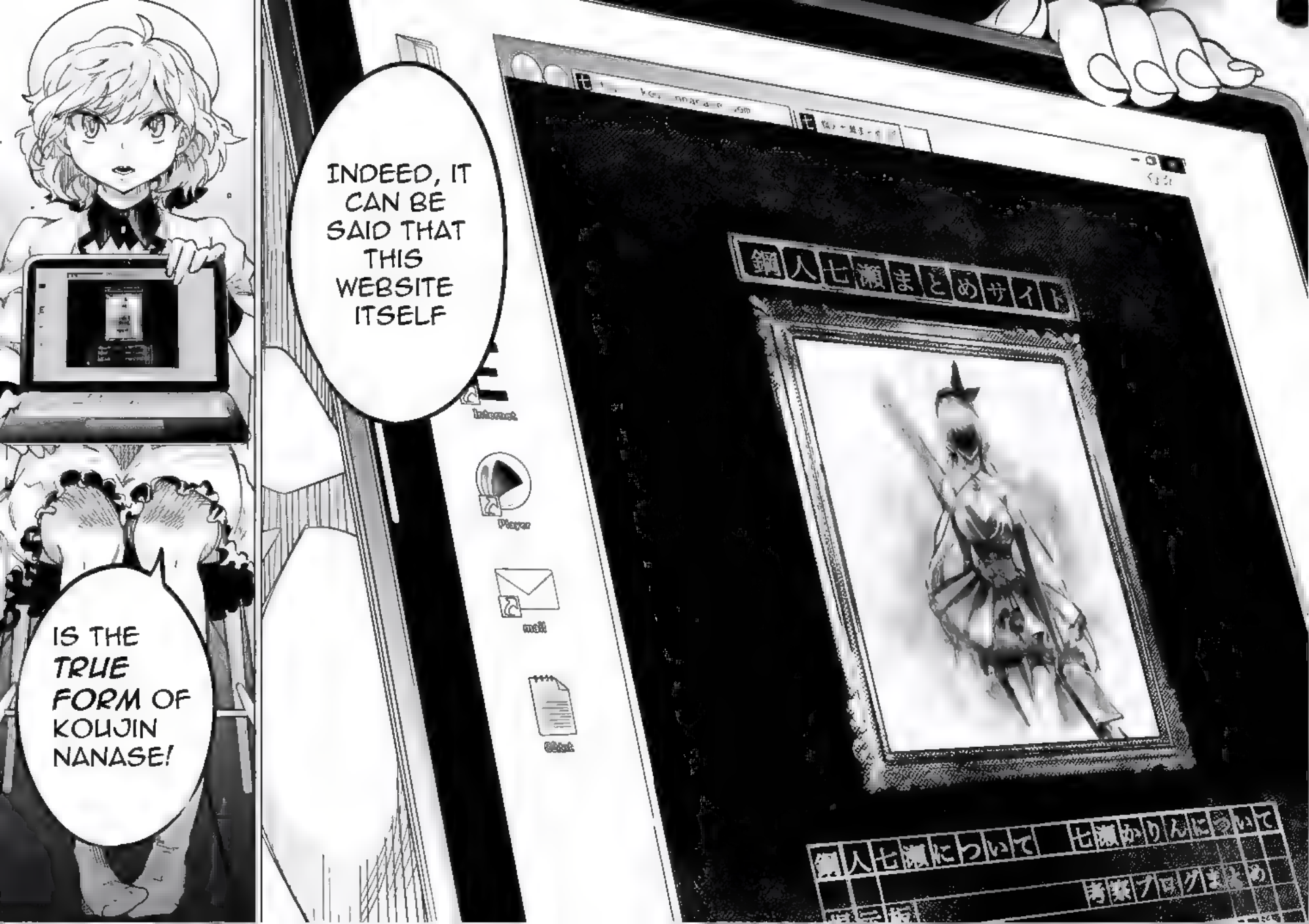
INDEED, IT CAN BE SAID THAT THIS WEBSITE ITSELF
IS THE TRUE FORM OF KOUJIN NANASE!
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Internet
Player
mail
Other

[MONSTERS OF THOUGHT] EXIST BECAUSE OF THE THOUGHTS OF PEOPLE
THUS, SO LONG AS THERE ARE HUMANS SUPPLYING THOUGHTS OF HER EXISTENCE, KOUJIN NANASE REMAINS EFFECTIVELY IMMORTAL
EVEN IF ONE WERE TO SNAP HER NECK, OR STAB HER IN THE CHEST, SHE WOULD DOUBTLESS REAWAKEN
THAT IS BECAUSE HER LIFE LIES NOT WITHIN HER BODY,
BUT WITHIN THE COUNTLESS DESIRES THAT HAVE GIVEN HER FORM ITS FLESH.

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SHE IS AN ANOMALY COMPLETELY SEPARATE FROM PROPER YOKAI AND SPIRITS.
SHE IS AN AUTOMATON THAT MOVES ACCORDING TO THE DELUSIONS THAT HAVE GIVEN HER LIFE
WITHOUT ANY SEMBLANCE OF CONSCIOUS -NESS,
HOW DO I PUT IT? THAT THING. .
FEELS LIKE A MARIONETTE ON STRINGS
HOW
HOW CAN THAT BE.

WELL, LET'S JUST LEAVE IT AT THAT FOR SAKI-SAN
THEN, HOW DO WE DEFEAT HER?
AS ALWAYS, SUCH A THIN, FRAIL FRAME
YET HE IS STILL CONSIDERING HOW TO FIGHT THAT MONSTER
IWANAGA, ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?

AH, NO, MY APOLOGIES I WAS MESMERIZED BY YOUR COLLAR-BONES
YOU HAVEN'T LET ME TOUCH THEM IN SUCH A LONG WHILE
NOW IS NOT THE TIME FOR THAT!
SHE HAS ALREADY KILLED PEOPLE
KOUJIN NANASE
BY YOUR LOGIC, HER IMMORTALITY WOULD DISAPPEAR IF THE RUMORS FADE, BUT WE CAN'T JUST WAIT AROUND FOR THAT TO HAPPEN.
EYE-WITNESS REPORTS ABOUT HER ARE INCREASING

IN THE FIRST PLACE, IT'S RARE FOR A [MONSTER OF THOUGHT] TO GROW THIS POWERFUL.
THAT WEBSITE'S PROBABLY BEEN REPORTING HER ASSAULTS, MAKING HER STRONGER. IT'S LIKE A POSITVE FEEDBACK LOOP.
YES, I BELIEVE THAT IS THE CASE.
WHICH IS WHY IT IS POSSIBLE TO DEFEAT KOUJIN NANASE USING THIS VERY WEBSITE

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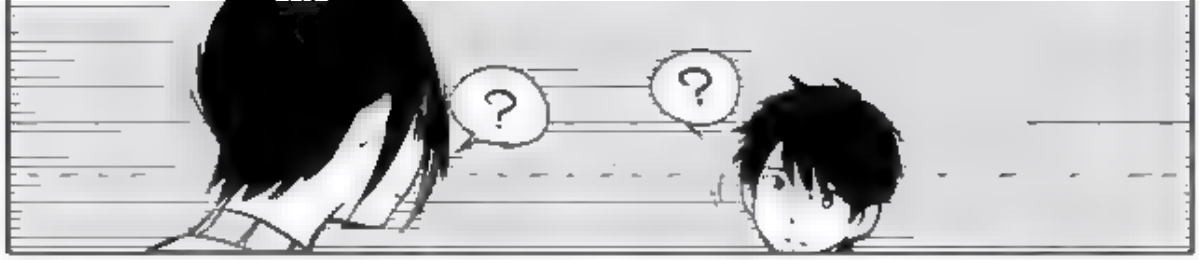
IF SHE HAS BECOME IMMORTAL THROUGH THE POWER OF THOUGHT, WE NEED ONLY ATTACK AT THE SOURCE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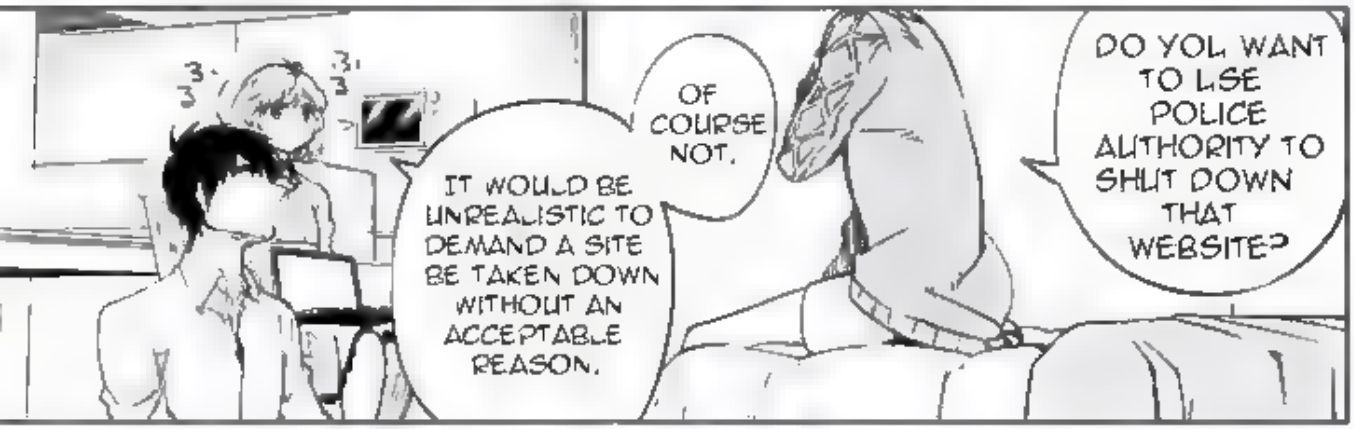
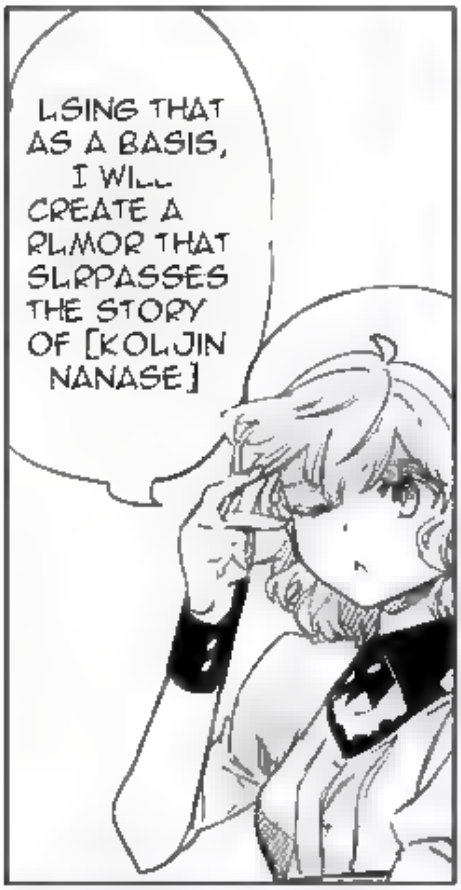
AS A POLICE OFFICER?

WE NEED ONLY PROCURE ASSISTANCE FROM SAKI-SAN AS A POLICE OFFICER.
POLICE

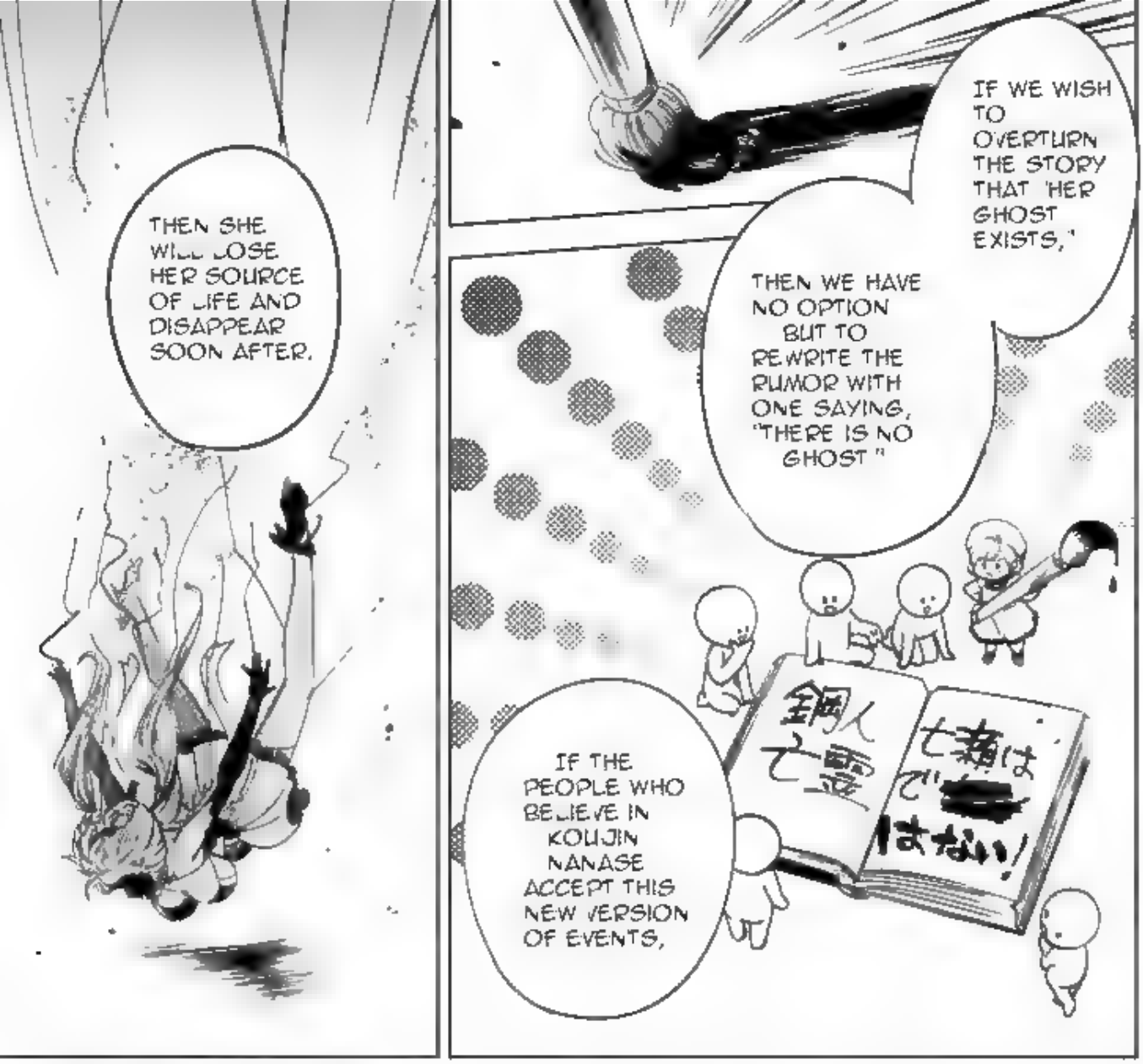

DO YOU WANT TO USE POLICE AUTHORITY TO SHUT DOWN THAT WEBSITE?
OF COURSE NOT.
IT WOULD BE UNREALISTIC TO DEMAND A SITE BE TAKEN DOWN WITHOUT AN ACCEPTABLE REASON.

THEN, WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?

AND FURTHERMORE, RUMORS THAT "THE KOUJIN NANASE CASE HAS BECOME SO SERIOUS, EVEN THE POLICE ARE GETTING INVOLVED"
MUST BE AVOIDED, LEST THEY ONLY INCREASE HER POWER BY ENCOURAGING THOUGHTS ON THE MATTER

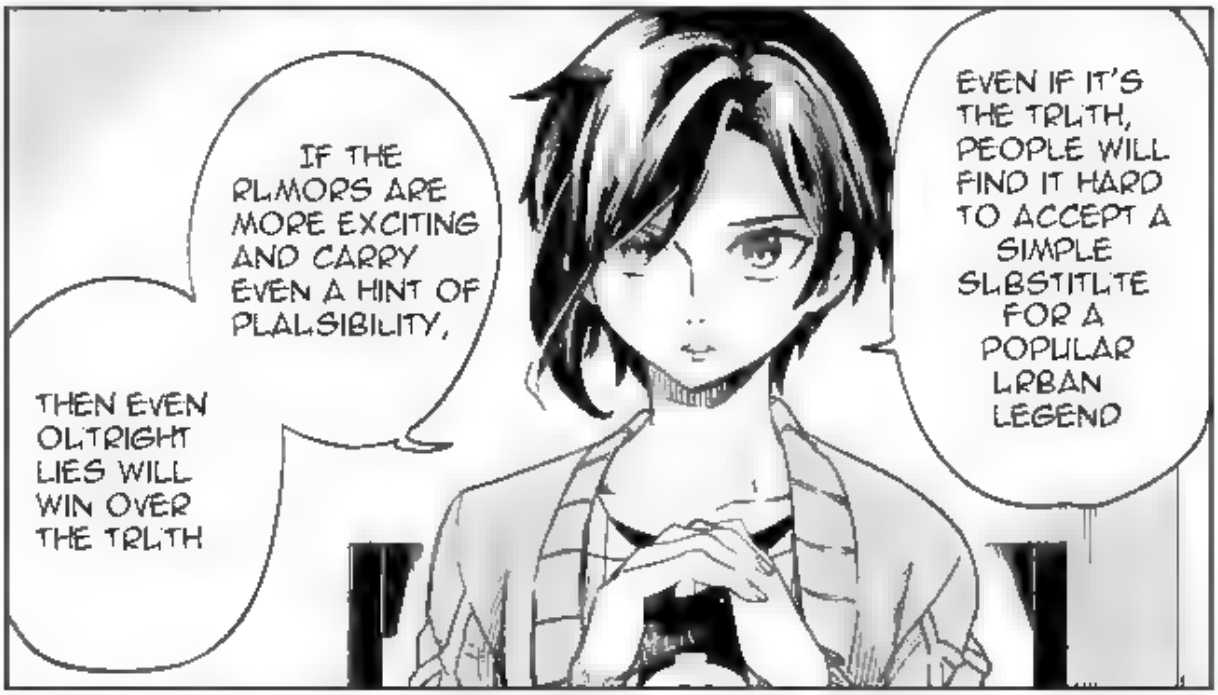


'KOUJIN NANASE'S A GHOST'


IF WE WISH TO OVERTURN THE STORY THAT 'HER GHOST EXISTS,'
THEN WE HAVE NO OPTION BUT TO REWRITE THE RUMOR WITH ONE SAYING, "THERE IS NO GHOST."
IF THE PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE IN KOUJIN NANASE ACCEPT THIS NEW VERSION OF EVENTS,
THEN SHE WILL LOSE HER SOURCE OF LIFE AND DISAPPEAR SOON AFTER.

A STORY WHERE THERE IS NO GHOST...
SO YOU WANT TO GIVE THE URBAN LEGEND A LOGICAL EXPLAN-ATION
AND PROVE THAT IT'S A LIE?

THAT WON'T WORK.


EVEN IF IT'S THE TRLTH, PEOPLE WILL FIND IT HARD TO ACCEPT A SIMPLE SLBSTITLTE FOR A POPULAR LRBAN LEGEND
IF THE RLMORS ARE MORE EXCITING AND CARRY EVEN A HINT OF PLALSIBILITY,
THEN EVEN OLTRIGHT LIES WILL WIN OVER THE TRLTH

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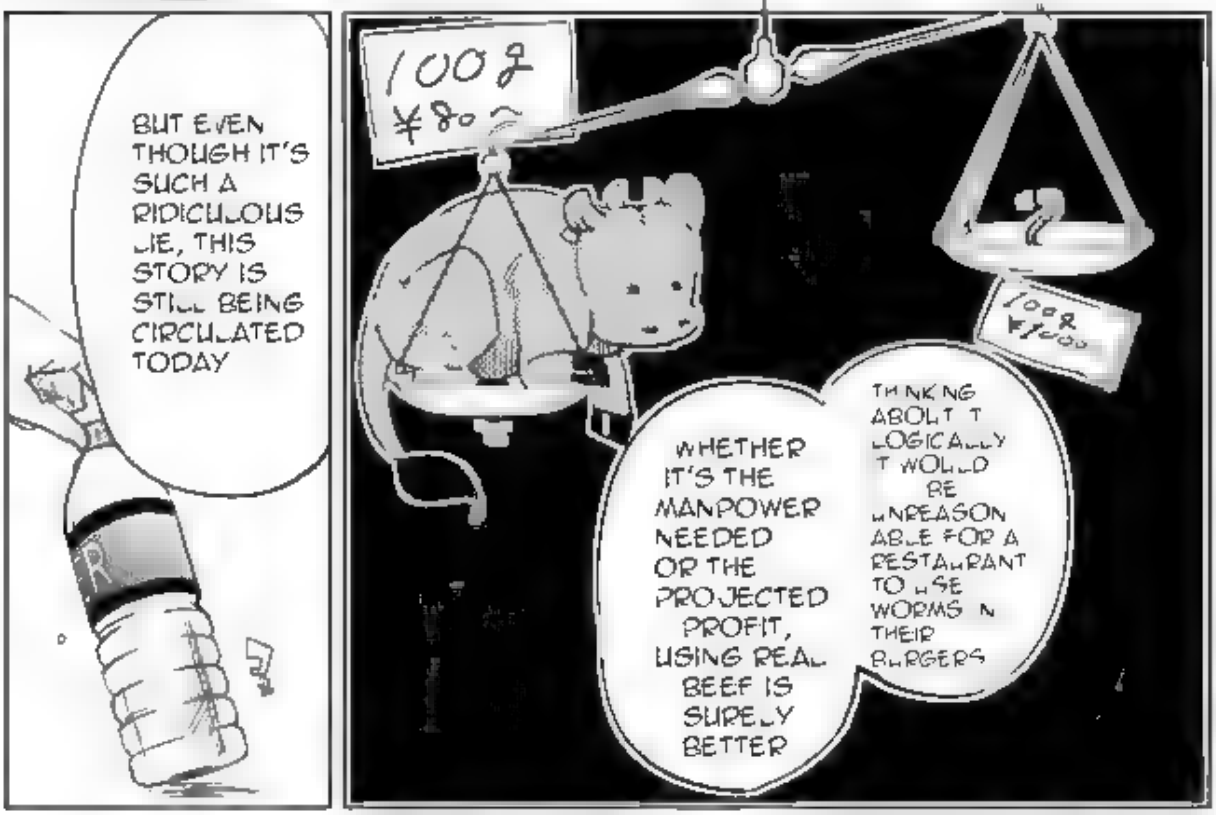
WORMS...
AFTER HEARING SLCH AN LNPLEASANT STORY, FEELINGS OF SLSPICION WILL ARISE AND TAKE OVER
EVEN IF YOL DON'T COMPLETELY TRLST THE RLMOR, A SENSE OF DISGLST WILL REMAIN

FOR EXAMPLE, THIS WAS ANOTHER LRBAN LEGEND BLT,
A CERTAIN FAST FOOD RESTALRANT WAS SAID TO LSE WORMS INSTEAD OF BEEF IN THEIR BLRGERS.


BUT EVEN THOUGH IT'S SUCH A RIDICULOUS LIE, THIS STORY IS STILL BEING CIRCULATED TODAY
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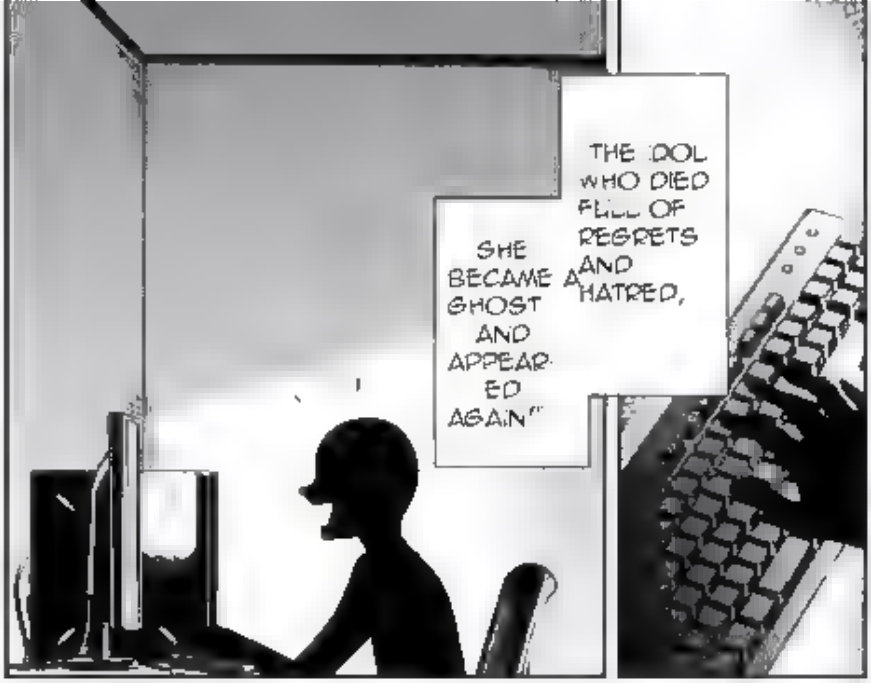
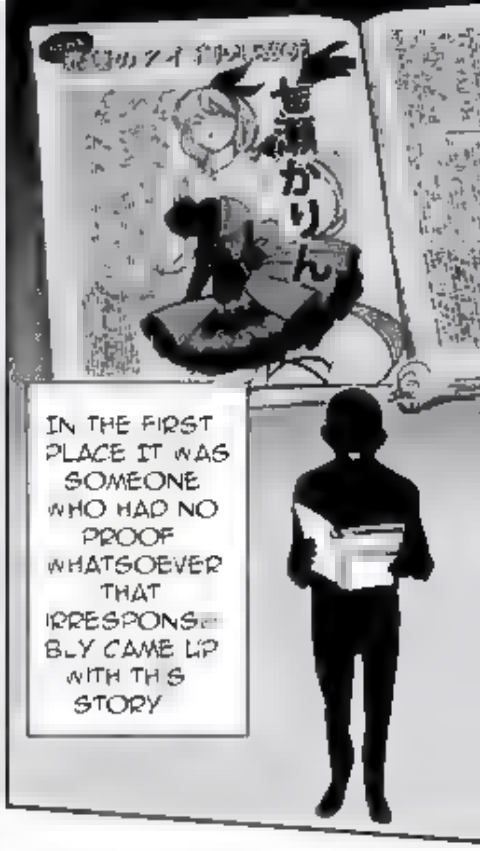
WHETHER IT'S THE MANPOWER NEEDED OR THE PROJECTED PROFIT, USING REAL BEEF IS SURELY BETTER
THINKING ABOUT IT LOGICALLY IT WOULD BE UNREASONABLE FOR A RESTAURANT TO USE WORMS IN THEIR BURGERS

...NO
SO, EVEN IF WE USE THE TRUTH, THE STORY CAN'T BE OVERWRITTEN SO EASILY
IT'S THE SAME
NANASE KARIN'S GHOST NEVER EXISTED IN THE FIRST PLACE


THE IDOL WHO DIED FULL OF REGRETS AND HATRED,
SHE BECAME A GHOST AND APPEARED AGAIN"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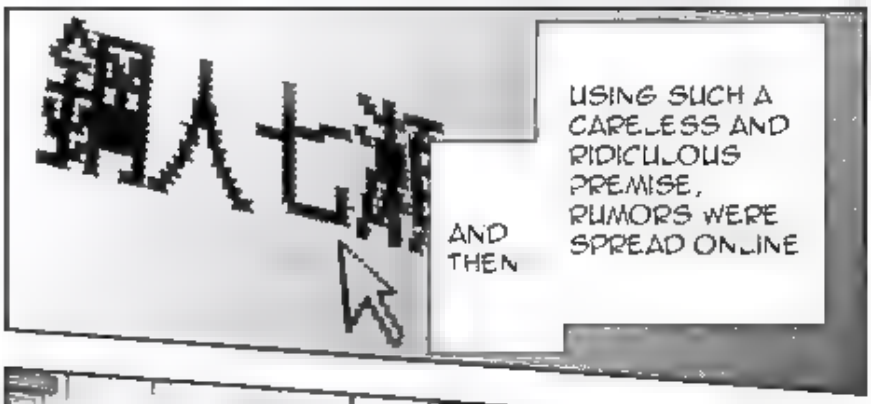
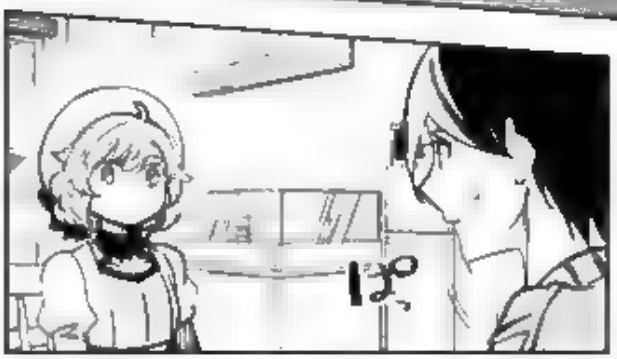
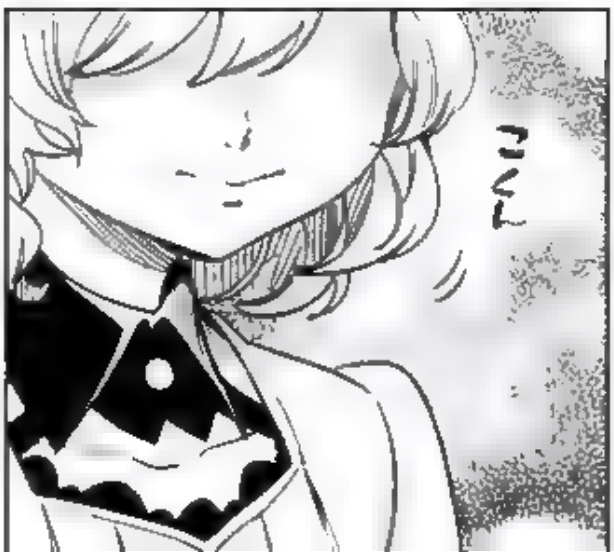
IN THE FIRST PLACE IT WAS SOMEONE WHO HAD NO PROOF WHATSOEVER THAT IRRESPONSIBLY CAME UP WITH THIS STORY

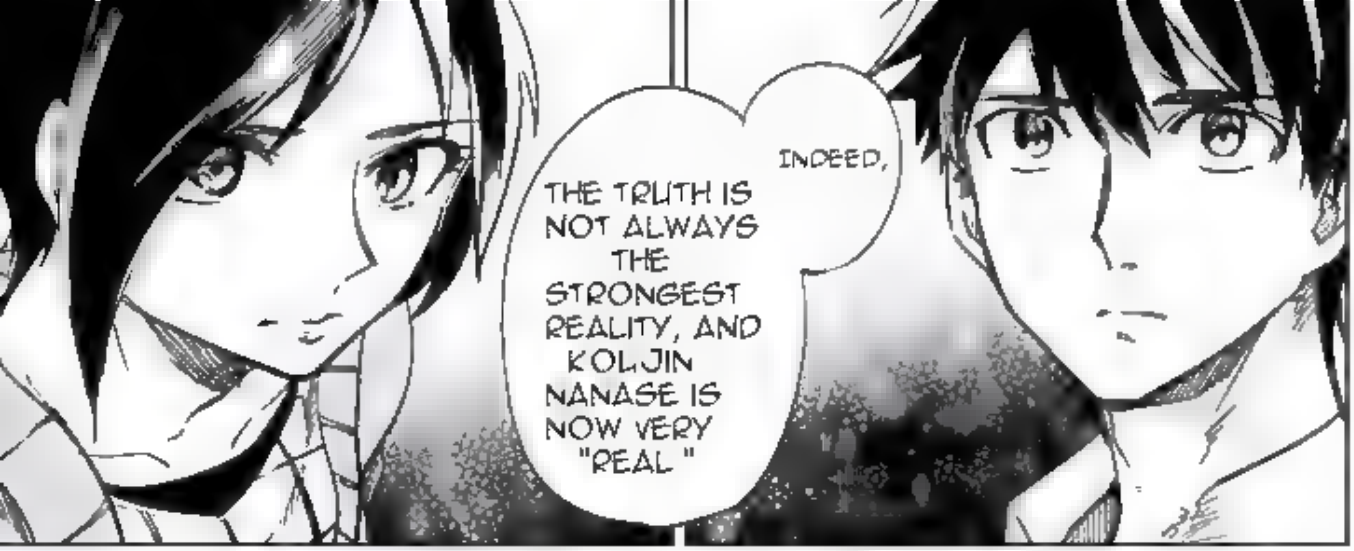

AND THEN
USING SUCH A CARELESS AND RIDICULOUS PREMISE, RUMORS WERE SPREAD ONLINE





NANASE KOUJIN BECAME REAL.
EVEN WITHOUT A RELYING ON LOGIC, THOSE LIES BECAME THE TRUTH

IT IS POSSIBLE
BUT YOUR ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED, SAKI-SAN
THAT IS WHY I SENT FOR YOU TONIGHT.
--KOUJIN NANASE, AN ANOMALOUS MONSTROSITY


INDEED,
THE TRUTH IS NOT ALWAYS THE STRONGEST REALITY, AND KOLJIN NANASE IS NOW VERY "REAL"

THUS, I MUST USE A REASONABLE FABRICATION TO OPPOSE HER
WITH THE MORE APPEALING STORY THAT "SHE IS NOT REAL," AND POST IT DIRECTLY ONTO THIS WEBSITE FOR THE BELIEVERS TO SEE.
I WILL REPLACE THIS REALITY THAT "KOLJIN NANASE IS A GHOST,"
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EH?
YES
SAKI-SAN, DO YOU KNOW OF THE YOKAI CALLED KAMAITACHI?
A REASON-ABLE FABRI-CATION...?

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THE FIRST ONE PUSHES YOU OVER
THE SECOND ONE CUTS
AND THE THIRD APPLIES MEDICINE BEFORE THEY ALL LEAVE
THEY APPEAR WITH THE WIND AND WOUND PEOPLE WITHOUT INFLICTING PAIN, THEN DISAPPEAR
THEY LOOK LIKE WEASELS, RIGHT?
YES, TO BE MORE PRECISE, THERE ARE THREE OF THEM THAT MOVE AS ONE

THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN THESE SORTS OF RUMORS FLOATING ABOUT.
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"BEFORE, THEY WOULD APPEAR IN THE MOUNTAINS AND FRIGID PLACES, BUT THEY ARE NOW NOWHERE TO BE FOUND."

YES, I HEARD OF THIS FROM THE GRAND-FATHER OF THESE YOKAI
HE TOLD ME THE KAMAITACHI ARE PERHAPS STILL ALIVE SOMEWHERE, BUT HAVE GROWN WEAK AND ARE LIVING QUIETLY

BUT AREN'T THE KAMAITACHI IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND BECAUSE THEY NEVER EXISTED IN THE FIRST PLACE?
YES, HE'S QUITE THE SCHOLARLY YOKAI, YOU SEE
YOUR SOURCE IS A YOKAI GRANDFATHER?
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STRONG WINDS OVER UNEVEN GROUND WOULD CAUSE RAPID CHANGES IN PRESSURE, AND THE TEMPORARY VACUUMS WOUNDED PEOPLE
THAT PHENOMENON WAS EXPLAINED BY SCIENCE AS "VACUUMS THAT CREATE CUTS."
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AFTER BEING EXPLAINED BY SCIENCE, THEY DISAPPEARED, DIDN'T THEY?
OH!
THE KAMAITACHI WERE ALSO MONSTERS OF THOUGHT, RIGHT?
THE WOUND APPEARS WITH THE WIND, AND THEY WOULDN'T FEEL THE PAIN UNTIL LATER
THAT'S THE TRUTH BEHIND THE SO-CALLED KAMAITACHI
KAMAITACHI DID EXIST,
BUT DUE TO HOW ANCIENT THEIR TALE IS, WE CAN NO LONGER CONFIRM WHETHER THEY WERE BORN OF HUMAN THOUGHT OR NOT.

ACTUALLY, SAKI-SAN
AFTER THEY WERE GIVEN A NAME, THEY WERE ALSO STRENGTHENED OR HURT BY THE BELIEF OF HUMANS
ALTHOUGH THEIR EXISTENCE MIGHT NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH HUMAN BELIEF

ACCORDING TO PHYSICS, SUCH A FEAT IS IMPOSSIBLE
THAT THEORY IS NOW BEING CRITICIZED AS 'FAKE SCIENCE'
THAT EXPLANATION ABOUT VACUUMS CUTTING PEOPLE IS FALSE
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BUT BY THE SHOWA PERIOD, IT HAD BEEN DEBUNKED BY OTHER SCIENTISTS.
IT WAS A POPULAR THEORY, AND BECAME WIDESPREAD FROM THE MEIJI PERIOD ONWARDS,

WHATEVER WAS WOUNDING THOSE PEOPLE IS STILL A COMPLETE MYSTERY
EVEN IF THEY WERE CREATED THEY WOULDN'T HAVE THE FORCE TO CUT APART HUMAN SKIN
VACUUMS CANNOT BE EASILY CREATED IN NATURE
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BUT YEAH, THAT EXPLANATION IS SCIENTIFIC-ALLY IMPOSSIBLE.
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BUT I REMEMBER READING IT IN A BOOK SOME-WHERE
THAT IS A FABRICATION THAT REPLACED THE TRUTH

EVEN WITHOUT REAL PROOF, EVERYONE ACCEPTED IT AND MADE THAT THE POPULAR THEORY
BECAUSE IT WAS EASIER TO COMPREHEND THAN THE EXISTENCE OF YOKAI
*VACUUM THEORY
真空説

IN THIS WAY, EVEN LIES CAN BE USED TO EXORCISE YOKAI
SO KAMA-TACHI DON'T EXIST AFTER ALL
ALTHOUGH THE EXPLANATION ITSELF WAS A LIE, IT BECAME THE SUPERIOR STORY.

AFTER A LIE HAS BECOME THE TRUTH, DOES UPSETTING THAT 'TRUTH' WITH ANOTHER LIE,
MAKE THE 'TRUTH' REVERT TO A LIE?
.. THEN, DOES THAT MEAN THAT BY BELIEVING IN THAT LIE,
I'VE ALSO BEEN PARTICIPATING IN EXTERMINATING THOSE MONSTERS WITHOUT EVEN REALIZING IT?

SINCE INDEED, EVEN TODAY THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO DISCOVER THEIR SKIN CRACKING OPEN PAINLESSLY WHEN EXPOSED TO THE COLD
INCIDENTALLY THE KAMA-ITACHI PHENOMENON NOW HAS A NEW EXPLANATION
AS BEING THE RESULT OF SKIN LOSING ITS NATURAL ELASTICITY UNDER CONDITIONS OF EXTREMELY LOW MOISTURE AND TEMPERATURE
THIS IS A THEORY THAT FITS WELL WITH THE EMPRICAL EVIDENCE
BUT I'VE NEVER HEARD OF THAT THEORY
QUITE A COMMON-PLACE EXPLANATION, NO?
SO IT'S NOT ACTUALLY CUT OPEN?
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THUS, IT WAS NEVER PUBLI-CIZED
SUCH A BORING REASON HAS NO APPEAL, DOES IT NOT? ESPECIALLY WHEN THE EVENTS THEMSELVES WERE SO MYSTIFIED AT THE THE TIME

IF YOU LOOK AT IT FROM A DIFFERENT PERSPEC TIVE, IT'S ACTUALLY QUITE NTERES- TING
KAMAITACHI CUTS THAT ARISE FROM VACUUM BLADES SEEMS TO BE A MUCH 'COOLER' STORY, WOULDN'T YOU AGREE?
IS IT ANY FUN TO SAY IT'S JUST BECAUSE YOUR SKIN WILL CRACK OPEN IN THE COLD?
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BE THAT AS IT MAY, IT S NOT A TOPIC THAT WOULD EXCITE THE COMMON MAN S MAG NATION
NOW
LET US RETURN TO THE TOPIC OF KOUJIN NANASE
EVEN THIS LATEST EXPLANATION, PLAUSIBLE AS IT SEEMS, MAY BE JUST ANOTHER LIE.
AND BECAUSE THE YOKAI KNOWN AS KAMAITACHI HAVE CERTAINLY EXISTED,

A [MONSTER OF THOUGHT]
THAT IS A BEING PRODUCED BY THE DESIRES AND DELUSIONS OF MAN,

"THERE ARE NO SUCH THINGS AS GHOSTS IN THIS WORLD, AND THUS KOUJIN NANASE DOES NOT EXIST" SUCH A TRUTH IS UNAPPEALING.
INDEED IT CAN BE SUPPOSED THAT HER BELIEVERS FIND HER TALE SO INTERESTING BECAUSE IT IS UNREAL
SUCH DESIRES FOR THE SUPER-NATURAL CANNOT BE OVERLOOKED.
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ANY AND ALL INTEREST WORKS IN HER FAVOR
RATHER, THE INDIVIDUALS THAT WISH FOR HER TO APPEAR MAY WELL INCREASE
KOUJIN NANASE EXISTS, BUT SHE IS A [MONSTER OF THOUGHT] THAT WILL DISAPPEAR WITHOUT BELIEF..
PRESENTING SUCH A TRUTH WOULD HAVE LITTLE EFFECT.
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A NEW THEORY THAT EXCITES THE MASSES WERE INTRODUCED, EVEN IF IT WERE A LIE, PEOPLE WOULD GRAVITATE TOWARDS THAT NEW EXPLANATION
IF, HOWEVER, JUST AS THE VACUUM BLADES THEORY THAT GAINED POPULAR RECOGNITION,
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都市伝説
銅人七瀬

WHILE PEOPLE DESIRE THE THRILL SUGESSTED BY THE EXISTENCE OF GHOSTS, THEY ALSO WISH THAT SUCH TERRIFYING THINGS NOT APPEAR IN EVERYDAY LIFE.

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WHILE THIS VECTOR OF THOUGHT SEEMS CONTRADICTORY, IT SURELY PERSISTS, AND IS QUITE EASILY REVERSED
WISH THEY'D GO AWAY
FOR SOMEONE LIKE YOU, WHO IS PART OF THE SUPER-NATURAL, TO CLAIM NANASE KOUJIN ISN'T A GHOST,
ISN'T THIS A SCAM?
I'LL ACCEPT YOUR LOGIC FOR NOW . BUT

KOUJIN NANASE IS NOT A GHOST.
WE WILL REQUIRE TWO ITEMS
IF WE WISH TO CONVINCE THE VISITORS OF THE WEBSITE,
OF MY OWN CREATION, HOWEVER,
YES, THIS IS AN ATROCIOUS SCAM
IT REMAINS TRUE THAT THERE ARE NO OTHER METHODS OF TAKING HER DOWN

FIRST,
WE SHALL NEED A 'CULPRIT' FOR THE ATTACKS THAT HAVE BEEN PERPETRATED IN THIS CITY
犯人
SECOND,
THIS 'CULPRIT' REQUIRES A LOGICAL 'MOTIVE' FOR THEIR ACTIONS
W TH THESE TWO POINTS
Motive
WE CAN THUS CREATE A PLAUSIBLE AND APPEALING FALSE EXPLANATION IN OTHER WORDS,

WE CAN USE A *REASONABLE FABRICATION* TO DEFEAT KOUJIN NANASE!

IF WHATEVER FABRICATION WE PROPOSE IS DISPROVED ON THE BASIS OF OFFICIAL EVIDENCE,
THEN IT WILL LOSE ALL POWER TO CONVINCE AND PERSUADE THE POPULACE
FOR THIS PURPOSE, I REQUIRE ACCURATE INFORMATION
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YOU
TO AVOID SUCH A SCENARIO, I WISH TO OBTAIN THE POLICE REPORTS CONCERNING THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING NANASE KARIN'S DEATH
I CAN'T POSSIBLY DO SUCH A--
YOU'RE TELLING A POLICE OFFICER TO RELEASE PRIVATE INFORMATION?!
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OH MY,
AND HERE I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO ACCESS THE RECORDS SINCE YOUR DIVISION IS DIFFERENT
BUT ISN'T THIS NANASE KARIN'S INFORMA-TION RIGHT HERE?
Nanase Karin Research Documents
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TERADA SAN WHY DID YOU WRITE
GIVE THAT--
AAAH !!
KUROU -KUN!
WHAT IS THIS BRAT THINK -ING?!

禁止轉載，僅供個人試看，如喜歡本作品請多支持正版。漫畫生肉吧

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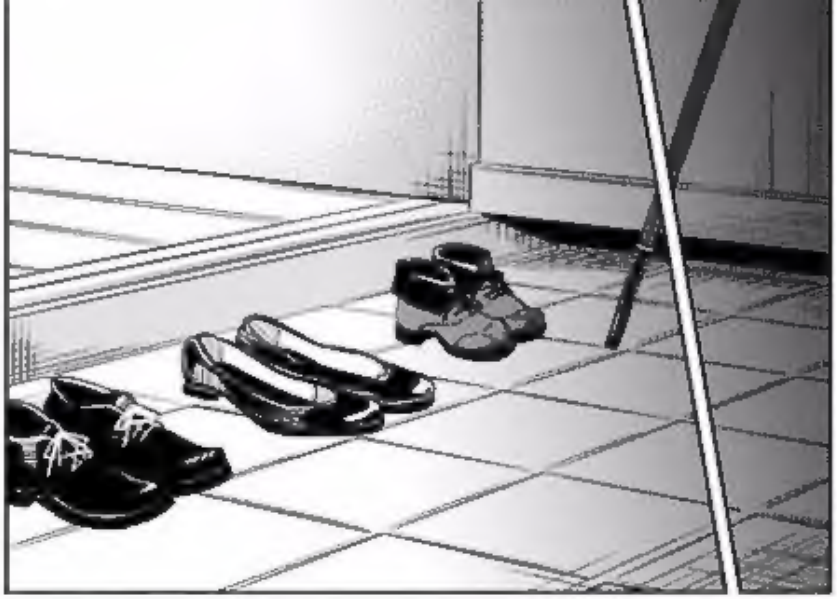

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KUROU-SENPAI,
DESPITE HAVING YOUR CURRENT GIRLFRIEND IN FRONT OF YOU, WHY ARE YOU GAZING SO ARDENTLY AT YOUR FORMER GIRLFRIEND'S BACK?

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AH, SHE'S LOST WEIGHT
HAS SHE BEEN EATING PROPERLY?
NO, I CAN SEE IT QUITE CLEARLY.
YOU'RE IMAGINING THINGS.
IT'S ALL MY FAULT SHE'S GROWN SO THIN,
BUT, THE LINES OF HER WAIST ARE SO BEAUTIFUL~
YOU'RE QUITE PERCEPTIVE. I WAS THINKING SO.
SAKI-SAN IS BEAUTIFUL
YOU APPEAR TO BE THINKING SUCH THOUGHTS
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AND FURTHERMORE, TO IGNORE YOUR LOVER FOR AN ENTIRE WEEK, WHAT EXACTLY WERE YOU THINKING?
DON'T JUST ADMIT IT!!
DON'T ADMIT IT SO READILY !!
COULDN'T YOU REPLY TO A SINGLE MESSAGE?
Inbox
reply
Immediately
seeing this?
Are you
you
Where are
reply!
OVER 100 EVERY DAY...
AH, THAT WAS YOU? I THOUGHT IT WAS JUNK MAIL.
AT THE VERY LEAST LOOK AT ME
WHEN I'M HERE!
...WELL, AREN'T YOU TWO CLOSE.

YES, WE ARE INDEED CLOSE,
BUT I WOULD PREFER OUR RELATIONSHIP BE A BIT SWEETER

ARE YOU STILL UNABLE TO EAT BEEF OR FISH?
SAKI-SAN

...I'M SORRY.
I'VE BEEN EATING RECENTLY,
I JUST LOST WEIGHT FROM THE STRESS OF WORK